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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMARIS Bi-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Presidents Message

Looking Forward:

That's what we need to do.
Let's not forget the past but learn from it to develop plans for future

At Rotary on Thursday Lis Tanzimat will present the fruits of her work over the last months in conjunction with Chris, Chris and David.

We will see where we stand and how we need change and improve to grow and to thrive.

We owe an enormous debt to the communications team for their mammoth effort in preparing and analysing our current position and our way forward.

Some years ago, I understand, that we did a club satisfaction survey and I think we should do this again. We need to understand how our fellow members perceive our club and our fellow members.

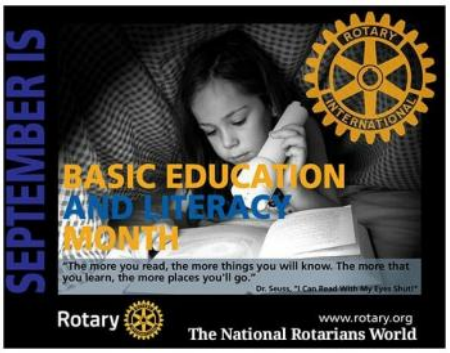
We should also do a community perception survey to determine how our community sees us so that we can understand what we need to change to become attractive again to our target membership group.

Would each member please develop a 30 second "elevator pitch" to contribute to our gathering on Thursday. The elevator pitch is how you would express the virtues of our club to an unknown but prospective new member. We can all learn from each other.
Regards,

Yours in Rotary

Peter Murie

PS, The Clubs 40th anniversary of our founding in 1985 is coming up soon. Look out for your invitation to our special anniversary dinner.



Upcoming Events

Thursday 18th September
EGM at VGC
Presentation by Liz & Chris D'Arcy on marketing, media & websites

SPECIAL REMINDER

Tuesday 23 September
Joint Club meeting with RC of Chelsea @ Chelsea RSL

Thursday 3rd October
Speaker Ethan on RYLA
Youth Leadership

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LINK TO CLUB CALENDAR

Club meets Thursday at Victoria Golf Club, 6:30 for 7:00 unless otherwise advised.

RCOB HAPPY HOUR occurs every Friday between 4-6 at ONYX on Reserve Road Cheltenham —Members and Friends welcome

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Speaker September 4th *Mark Perelaer*

80th Anniversary of the end of WWII in the Pacific

Mark provided a very personal and moving narrative about his interest in and remembrance of major changes in Japan during the 'Meiji Restoration' (mid 19th Century) and how a modernised Japan opened its doors to trade with the world to become a major player in world events by the beginning of the 20th Century.

Mark outlined the potted history of these changes, modernising its economy, defeating the Russian Empire in the Pacific in a 1904/05 war, claiming island territories and occupying Korea and Formosa (Taiwan)

A fascinating history and transformation of what was a sophisticated but closed (to most of the world) country until the 18th Century.

The 1930's saw increased military adventurism by Japan (invading some of its neighbours, including China, Manchuria and Indochina (as parts of South East Asia was called at the time)—In short empire building. Japan famously walked out of the League of Nations in the 1930s, a consequence of sanctions and trade embargoes by the major powers of the time.

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How history rhymes.

Japan's attack on the United States Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbour (Hawaii) in 1941 brought the USA into WWII as Japan was part of Hitler's Third Reich's Axis (along with Italy) in the WWII. As part of this pact, Hitler declared war on the USA a few days later.

Mark then narrowed this history to the development and use of nuclear weapons—the Atomic Era. Mark detailed the development and military application of splitting the 'Atom" under the auspices of the Manhattan Project during the war, as well as the deployment and (the first and last) use of nuclear weapons—which ended the war in the Pacific and the Second World War - 3 months following the defeat of the Third Reich in Europe.

Mark's connection to the Pacific War, as it was often called, was very real. His father lived in what was then the Dutch East Indies, at the time a Dutch colony. He was captured by the Japanese in 1941 and sent to the infamous Changi prison were he worked (enforced labour) and befriended, among others, many Australian soldiers.

Speakers Notes:
Mark Perelaer continued..

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In 1943/44 Mark's father was shipped off to Nagasaki in Japan to work in shipyards as a welder. Although not aware of Atom Bombs at the time, he was in Nagasaki when the USAAF dropped the second Atomic bomb (after Hiroshima) on the city—he survived amazingly and moved to Australia after the war. Marks father (Joe) unlike so many, spoke to groups about these experiences and life's lessons. Joe died in 1989.

Marks' talk also included an overview of the origins of nuclear research (from Currie, Fermi, Oliphant, Einstein and Oppenheimer. The race to develop 'the bomb' ahead of the Axis powers—and its use by the USA—ended the war in the Pacific and brough peace to a war weary world. A war that claimed over 60 million lives. Lest we forget. **CMM**

LINK TO MARK'S PRESENTATION

Mark & Clem draw the raffle after Marks 80th anniversary talk on VJ Day

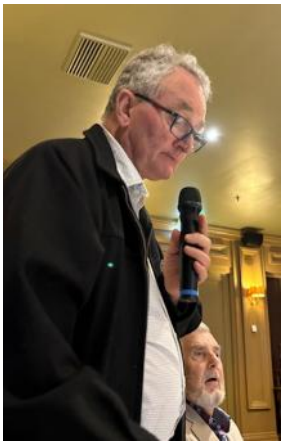
Sept/Oct.2025
digital edition out now.

In Gear, is available by following this link to our website:
https://beaumarisrotary.club/newsletters/

September 11th—Favourite quotes, poems and sayings….

Peter M and Chair Trish S gave members a funny quiz and opportunity to share some of their favourite and interesting sayings, quotes, songs and poems. It was lovely to hear what most of us came up with from Banjo Patterson poems, songs by the Beatles, quotes and words of wisdom from across the ages.

A few of which are included below…..



"Learning never exhausts the mind"

Leonardo Da Vinci

" If its not yours, don't take it.

If its not right, don't do it.

If its not true, don't say it.

If you don't know, shut up."

Japanese Wisdom

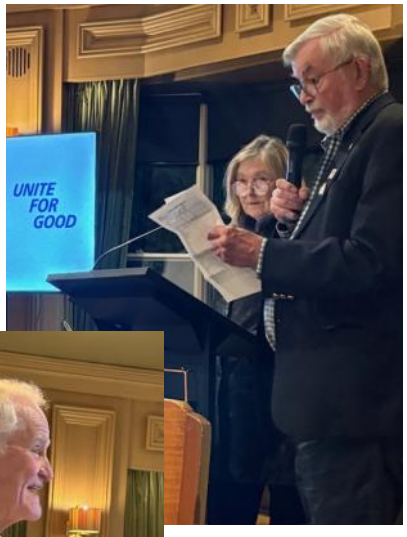
Futility of Blame

If its in your control, why do you do it?

If its in some one else's control, then who are you blaming?

Stupid either way. Blamer no one. Set people straight if you can, if not, just repair the damage.

Marcus Aurelius on the virtues of Roman Stoicism



"Twas Mulga'Bill's from Eagle hawk ...Bicycle poem…

By AB "Banjo" Patterson

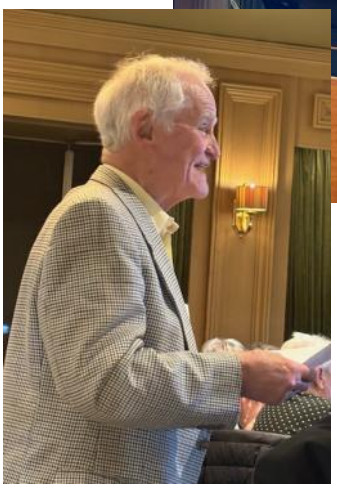
Never Buy a cheap bed or shoes, because when your not in one your in the other!

Irish proverb :)

Paro-pa-karam Arthan Idam Sha-reeram

In English, means: Helping others without expecting anything in return.

Ancient wisdom



September 11th—Favourite quotes, poems and sayings…….

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country "

Robert F Kennedy

" I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"

Martin Luther King

"If you're going through hell, keep going."

Winston Churchill

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving"

Albert Einstein

Thanks Chair Trish for organising and members for Taking up the opportunity to give us a take on their favourite words of wisdom, recite poetry or play music that inspires us. Lets do it again sometime

Lyrics from The Beatles song "In My Life", written by John Lennon

There are places I'll remember
All my life, though some have changed. Some forever, not for better; Some have gone and some remain.

All these places had their moments
With lovers and friends I still can recall. Some are dead and some are living, In my life I've loved them all.

But of all these friends and lovers
There is no one compares with you.
And these mem'ries lose their meaning When I think of love as something new.

Tho' I know I'll never lose affection
For people and things that went before, I know I'll often stop and think about them, In my life I love you more.

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For people and things that went before, I know I'll often stop and think about them, In my life I love you more.

In my life I love

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REMINDER: We have a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Chelsea; TUESDAY (NOT THURSDAY) 23rd September

Chelsea Rotary meet at the Chelsea RSL a very nice renovated venue.

TIME 6.15 for drinks and socialising, meeting starts at 6.45 pm. Chelsea Rotary having a football theme night including football (AFL) Trivia, as this is prior to the grand Final Holiday on the 26th of September.

Sabu Update... & Clems Birthday bash at Onyx

SABU ISLAND PROJECT

SEBA GIRL'S HOSTEL KITCHEN REFURBISHED

During the visit to Seba on Sabu Island in 2023 it was decided

that the cooking facility. In a dilapidated shed on an open fire was both unsafe and unhygienic.

Unfortunately, the refurbishment was delayed by damage to a school roof, considered more urgent due to the impending monsoon and also by the monsoon itself which lasted longer than usual.

Finally with the help of a Rotary district grant the refurbishment

has been completed, and the 20 girls who live there during the week will now be cooking in a much safer and more hygienic space.

International Chair Richard

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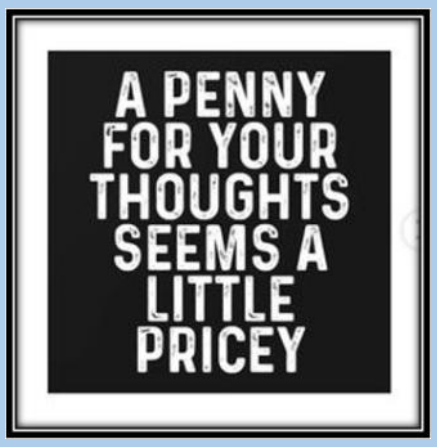
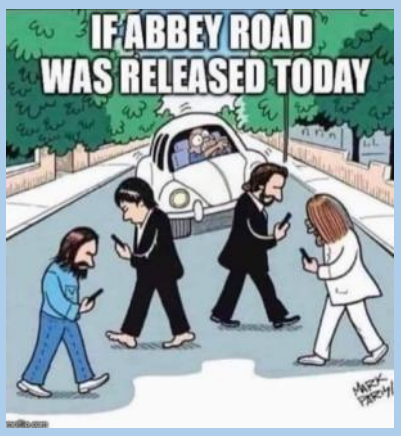
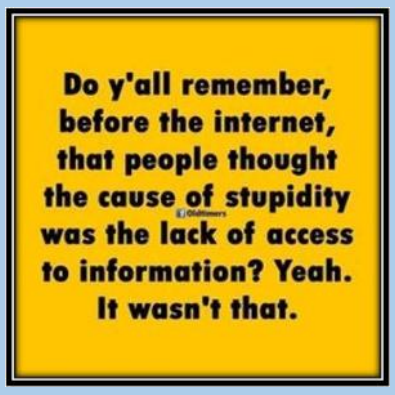
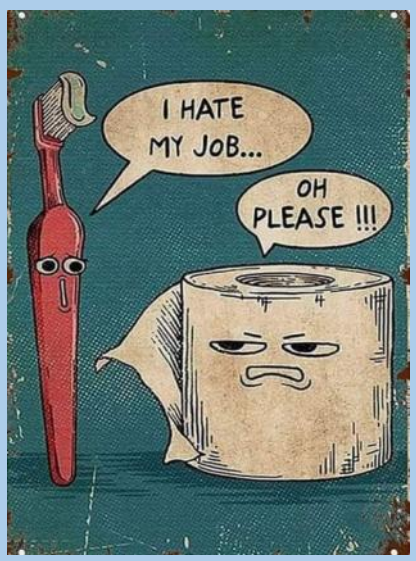
This Editions Wit, Wisdom and Beauty.....

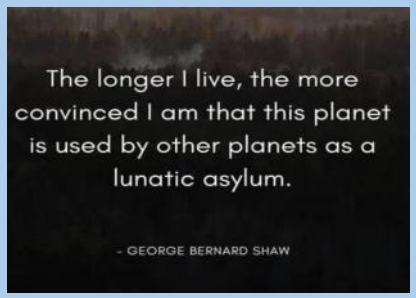
After last weeks meeting quotes and ancient words of wisdom, some light hearted takes and silliness on the past and present.











Night Sky with a Full Blood Moon - Metung last week

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE!

Beaumaris Rotary is 40 in November so put the 6th November in your diary and join us with your partner for a celebration dinner at Victoria Golf Club. Timing will be 6.30 pm for 7 pm and the cost $75 per person.

Your contacts for this event:

Denise Grocke : d.grocke@unimelb.edu.au

Trish Smyth : tsmyth812@gmail.com

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For The TeamSports4All Gala Event
HELPING HANDS
SOUTH EAST
18TH OCTOBER 2025
FROM 6.30PM TILL 11PM
ST KILDA LIFE SAVING CLUB
34 JACKA BLVD, ST KILDA VIC 3182
TS 4A
TEAMSPORTS4ALL

1,000 Kids!
TS4A now supporting over 1,000 disadvantaged kids!
THANK YOU!!!

Club & Rotary Links

Club Program

The forward club program has been uploaded onto the Club Calendar and is available by clicking on the image below or use the QR code below #: The Calendar is best viewed in Agenda mode.

Beaumaris Rotary Calendar

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Constitution of the Rotary Club of Beaumaris Inc.

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Strategic Plan 2025-2026

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President Peter

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